

# The Village Drummer

## Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6

### Ethics: An Agenda About Respect

By Luis South



In the context of American society it is especially important to be clear about ethics, what's acceptable regarding how we interact given different arenas or environments. Often, people have common understanding about how communication channels flow in their community. How do we get to agree on what's acceptable and what's not? Well, generally speaking, it's a matter of time. Our local history helps us to form

a common understanding about how to interact given different situations and settings. It's the responsibility of all to participate in shaping our community common law. The more people in agreement about ethics helps to keep the peace, our general outlook about the lifestyle in this area will be good.

Jefferson Park has a long history that reveals a community holding a unique place in  
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### Education is Priority #1

By Luis South

Jefferson Park Neighbors has always envisioned education quality as one of the top issues helping us to define who we are. To be clear, it is important that our schools in the area run well because educated children make all things special.

Assisting families to raise children who can read well is key to helping our local schools to be noted as successful. Be clear that Jefferson Park Neighbors has been a productive supporter of many schools in the area. By attending our meetings families

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Park  
Neighbors  
Discuss**  
\*Oct. '09 Fest  
\*Crime Repot  
\*Land Dev.

**Special Forum  
Guests**  
**Officer Biondo  
&  
"The Original ET"**  
**10a.m.-noon  
April 25, 2009**

Jefferson Park  
Neighbors Volume

April 2009

#### • NEXT MEETING

**Special Forum**

**Sat., April 25, 2009**

**10 a.m.– noon**

**South Seas House**

**2301 W. 24th Street**

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become eligible for all kinds of perks supporting k-12 education. We provide grants, free passes, computers, food, and more. Come join us soon.

## Ethics: An Agenda About Respect

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the history of 20th Century Los Angeles. This is a community that moved from being seen as a rural farm area to the urbanized elite Westside of town. An interesting phenomenon then took place. People started marrying across cultural lines. So during the time of segregation from the 1940's through the 1960's Jefferson Park quietly established itself as a place

where there was the possibility of prosperity and harmony among a diverse group of people living as one big family. It is now important that we look to the past as a means to qualify what we are about. First and foremost we are about respect.

The Hon. Herb Wesson has received communications about reinvigorating our community's

ethical standards through open forum talks. Also, I spoke to the UNNC board in their meeting held Thursday, September 6, 2007. The purpose of my presentation was to focus on how ethics has to be viewed as basic to the distinction between an outdated segregated America and the new reality that we have a multicultural leadership. That awareness gives everybody the responsibility to work diligently to develop best practices. The "dream" can be realized now. It's all about respecting ourselves.

## Sunday, May 3rd at LACMA By Luis South

This will be the second year I am inviting parents to Los Angeles County Museum of Art in order to enroll their children and the entire family for free membership with the museum. This is an opportunity to enroll your family to come for free with the children to enjoy the same benefits as full members of the museum who pay a minimum of \$125 annually. Enrolling your children gives the

entire family the right to come to the museum for free until the youngest child turns 18. This has to be the best deal in town. Don't miss it.

Come anytime between 12:00 p.m. until 4 p.m. Yes, you can come on some other Sunday as long as the opportunity lasts. LACMA is located at 5905 Wilshire Blvd. (at the corner of Stearns).

## Universal Health Insurance For All

By Luis South

**Universal Health Insurance Coverage.** We have been lied to for so long and in so many ways about this subject that most people don't have a clear perspective concerning this very important quality of life issue. Researching the subject was not easy. There's a lot of money thrown into the political arena to keep our most

powerful elected leaders from attacking an outdated medical health insurance policy in America. We are several years overdue in bringing our health care system into the modern world. The America that Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, Harriet Tubman, and others gave their blood, sweat and lives for cannot claim being the greatest country in the world

until there is a system of fairness for all. We cannot have most of Northern Europe, Canada, and other countries around the world having a genuine **single payer** system while we remain in an unfocused, misguided debate that questions our ability to provide the same kindness and

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### Catering by ET

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[E.t.'s Catering Menu, Los Angeles](#)



### Universal Health Insurance For All

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consideration for all Americans.

If the politicians can't bring up the subject in a meaningful manner out of fear that they will be under attack from the insurance companies, then it is time for us everyday folks to force the agenda. If we take a good look at how important **single payer Universal Health Insurance Coverage** is, all responsible politicians will then have the impetus to **democratically change** from present failures to improve our national system.

The lie that has been allowed to exist for so long is the idea that America would go into economic hemorrhaging if a single payer health insurance system was created. Nothing is further from the truth. What government has failed to do is **control medical costs**. The best way to do that is to place all of the spending for health care in one pot controlled by a

government agency. That would force all health care providers to work fairly to correct out of control health care costs. The rest of the world where universal health coverage is working didn't move to create such government run systems out of stupidity. America's **single payer universal health insurance system will be the best because we have the resources to make that a reality over a short period of time.**

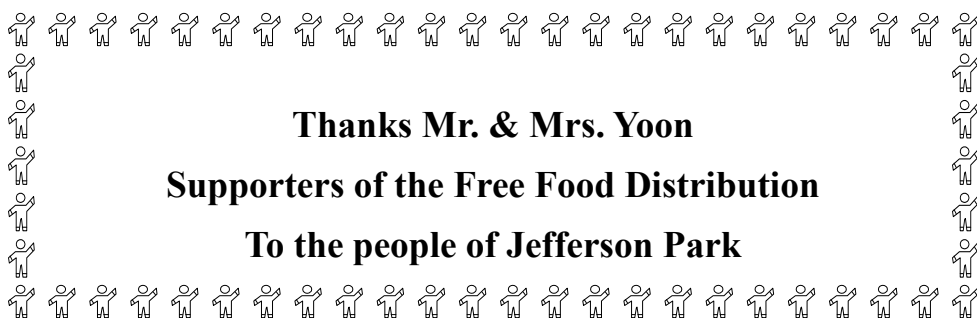
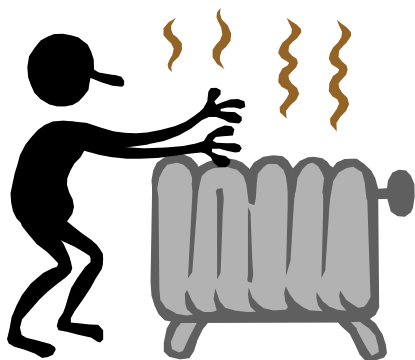
The lie can no longer stand, let us all be clear, there are many reasons why it would be advantageous for America to move to instituting a single payer system for all; chief among those reasons are the economic advantages. For more info <http://www.pnhp.org> .

**Jefferson Park Meeting**  
April 25th South Seas House  
10:00 a.m.-Noon

**NOTICE**  
To those who buy into guns, alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Remember, there are no refunds on life.  
*(A free public advertisement)*

### An Energy Saving Tip

By Ed Turner, (the original ET)



**Thanks Mr. & Mrs. Yoon**  
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**To the people of Jefferson Park**

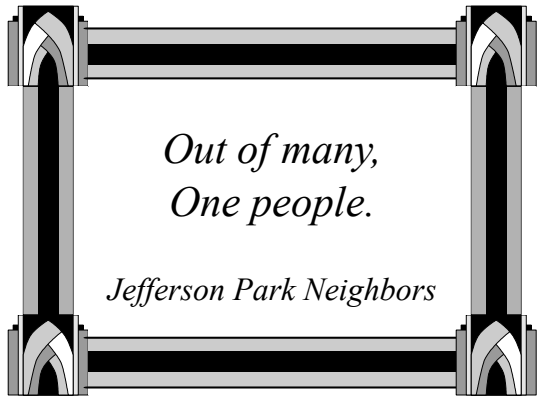
What's the least expensive way to stay warm while staying home on a cold morning?

Take some or all of the following steps and your heating bill will be lower:

- Open the blinds to get sunshine
- Rinse your face in cool water

- Do stretch exercises
- Microwave 1 cup of hot tea
- Go outside for a brisk walk

Your heating bill will remain low because your urge to turn on the heater will be greatly reduced!



*Out of many,  
One people.*

*Jefferson Park Neighbors*

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## **Ed Turner, the Original ET**

**Written by Luis South**

We now have 5 new representatives that were installed to be board members on the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council. Among them is our very own Region 6 rep, the self-proclaimed ET—that is, Ed Turner.

Ed has been a resident of Jefferson Park for over 30 years. His dream is to do whatever is possible to help Jefferson Park maintain its identity as a very special place in Los Angeles. It will be an interesting time for the next couple of years as the amazing ET represents us. You can go see his RESUME written to enter the arena so he could be accepted to serve as our Area 6 rep. Just go to the internet

address [http://www.educounselor.com/ed\\_turner\\_txt.htm](http://www.educounselor.com/ed_turner_txt.htm). Also, ET says to make sure all Jefferson Park Neighbors get his phone number. So folks, for the first time ever, you can reach your rep on the UNNC anytime by phone. Just dial (323) 394-0473 and you'll be there.

Know that ET is an excellent cook who runs his own catering business. He only serves residents who come to community meetings and the minimum order has to be \$50. See his menu [http://www.educounselor.com/ed\\_turner\\_menu.htm](http://www.educounselor.com/ed_turner_menu.htm). ET is well traveled and cooks many dishes from the African Diaspora.

To understand his unique skills that will serve as an asset to this community go see his resolution report of facts regarding a dispute over the expansion of the Century Liquor Store at [http://www.educounselor.com/ed\\_turner\\_txt2.htm](http://www.educounselor.com/ed_turner_txt2.htm).

The next meeting of UNNC will be Thursday, May 7, 2009. Remember to ask for ET.